

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 11, line 18 as follows:

In order to maintain a substantial ~~flattened~~ flattened condition of the heated sheets, preventing the latter from sagging excessively as the heating temperature gradually increases, the ~~sapping~~ sagging of the sheets is detected and the vacuum degree created above the heated sheets by the devices 15A, 15B, is constantly controlled and adjusted so as to prevent an excessive ~~sapping~~ sagging, with the risk of the plastic sheets striking against fixed parts of the plant, preventing or hindering their correct positioning above the molds 17A, 17B.

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 15, line 15 as follows:

After ~~completion~~ completion of the preheating phase, at the outlet of the oven 12A the preheated sheet SA is transferred to the centering station 13A, for example by means of a roller table 45 or other conveying system, where an appropriate centering device 46 (figure 2A) is raised for accurately positioning and orientate each sheet SA1, to be perfectly aligned with the pneumatic gripping device 15A which in the meantime has been moved above the centering station 13A.